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## Neighborhood Month is here!

*Parade kicks-off festivities*



What better way to start this year's Neighborhood Month than with a parade? Don't miss it — Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. in downtown Hampton. Come watch giant helium balloons wind through streets of Hampton along with floats, boats, clowns and marching bands!

Hampton's sixth annual Neighborhood Month has the theme "Celebrate!" and is a time when residents come together to celebrate the richness and diversity of our neighborhoods.

### EVENTS

The month-long celebration also includes a series of neighborhood events organized by hundreds of citizens designed to bring our community and neighbors together. "Each year these events have increased in size and participation, injecting vibrancy into the community and energizing the city," says Joan Kennedy, Director of Hampton's Neighborhood Office.

Over the previous three years, Neighborhood Month has included more than 37,500 participants, 238 events, and 214 clean-ups. Neighborhood Month Grant funds totaling \$51,405 have been distributed to assist neighborhoods.

### GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP

The Great American Neighborhood Cleanup will take place May 25. Residents have an opportunity to give their neighborhood a little tender loving care. The city's Parks and Recreation Department is providing some funding for beautification projects in neighborhoods that submitted requests. Residents may also participate by cleaning up litter, planting flowers at a neighborhood entryway, removing graffiti, conducting a recycling campaign, or making other improvements.

The focus will turn to our waterways on **Saturday, June 1** as we celebrate **Clean the Bay Day 2002**. To organize a waterway clean-up in your area please call 727-6204.

Neighborhood Month is sponsored by Hampton Neighborhood Commission, Hampton City Employees Credit Union, Clean City Commission and Citizens' Unity Commission.

For information, call 727-6460 or visit [www.hampton.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.hampton.gov/neighborhoods).



## Hampton shows appreciation to businesses

A proclamation, golf outing, and southern-style barbecue dinner are just some highlights of Hampton's Business Appreciation Week, May 12-18. The city is joining Gov. Mark Warner and the Virginia Department of Business Assistance in acknowledging contributions of companies statewide during the week.

This annual event is an opportunity for the city to thank local businesses and express gratitude for their economic investments.

The city will kick-off the week with a proclamation from Mayor Locke. The Hampton Department of Economic Development will host its annual Business Appreciation Golf Tournament and Barbecue at The Hamptons Golf Course, May 16 from noon-8 p.m. The outing includes lunch followed by an afternoon of golf and a barbecue dinner.

According to the International Economic Development Council, existing businesses, large and small, account for 90 percent of all new U.S. jobs on an average. Locally, Hampton companies created more than half of the new jobs brought to the city last year and residents reaped the benefits with a diversity of commerce and an improved quality of life. According to a recent survey, 40 percent of city businesses said they've been operating in Hampton 20 years or more, and 46 percent said they anticipate expanding their operations in the next two years.

Businesses are encouraged to contact Economic Development Dept. to register for this event by May 9. For more information, call 727-6237, e-mail: [business@hampton.gov](mailto:business@hampton.gov), or visit [www.hampton-development.com](http://www.hampton-development.com).



## Calendar

### MAY 4

#### Neighborhood Month Parade

As a city of vibrant neighborhoods, Hampton has much to celebrate. Join in the fun of an old-fashioned parade starting at 10 a.m. in downtown Hampton.

Viewed from streets downtown along Pembroke, Settlers Landing, Eaton and Armistead, the parade includes bands, neighborhood units, floats, fire, police and more.

For information, call 727-6460 or visit [www.hampton.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.hampton.gov/neighborhoods).



### MAY 6

#### Clean City Commission

Regular meeting, 12:30 p.m., Parks & Recreation conference room, 5th floor, [www.hampton.gov/hccc](http://www.hampton.gov/hccc).

### MAY 6

#### Planning Commission

Regular meeting, 3:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 727-6140.

### MAY 8

#### City Council

Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 727-6315. **Second reading and final approval of city budget.** Agendas on Web site: [hampton.gov/council](http://hampton.gov/council). Meetings broadcast live; re-broadcasts May 9 at 10 a.m., and May 11 at 3 p.m. on The City Channel TV-47.

### MAY 9-11

#### Monte/Brown Dance Company

They're back! America's most culturally diverse and physically explosive dance company returns for a three-day residency at The American Theatre.

"Ferocious energy...superb dancers" according to The New York Times. May 9 - 7:30 p.m., May 10 - 8 p.m. and May 11 - 8 p.m., 722-ARTS, [www.hampton.gov/arts](http://www.hampton.gov/arts).

### MAY 9

#### Citizens' Unity Commission

Regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., Unity Room, Carmel Center, 136 Kings Way, 727-1379, [unity@hampton.gov](mailto:unity@hampton.gov).

### MAY 13

#### Neighborhood Commission

Regular meeting, 6 p.m., Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center, 2315 Victoria Boulevard, 727-6460, [www.hampton.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.hampton.gov/neighborhoods).

### MAY 15

#### School Board

Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Forum at Jones Magnet Middle School, 1819 Nickerson Blvd., 896-8107.



For more calendar information, go to [www.hampton.gov](http://www.hampton.gov) and click on Calendar.

## Fun, fun, fun coming to The Power Plant!

*Unique national entertainment tenants announced*

Picture this: A first class lounge and nightclub, with a state-of-the-art DJ booth, and an amazing in-house light and sound system. Friends gather to enjoy a large dance floor, or chat with each other in any one of several comfortable seating areas furnished in sleek colors.

That's what **Five** looks like — one of Washington, D.C.'s most popular and upscale nightclubs.

And now a 7-10,000 square-foot Five is coming to The Power Plant of Hampton Roads, one of two dynamic entertainment tenants announced last week.

The other is **Jake's Garage**, 25,000 square feet providing a combination of great food and interactive games. Jake's Garage will have an electric atmosphere like Dave & Busters or an ESPN Zone. It will host live entertainment, similar to House of Blues.

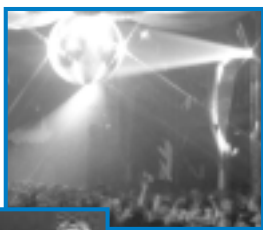
Power Plant of Hampton Roads developer, The Cordish Company, announced that these two exciting businesses will be open in Hampton by fall 2003.

The two are concepts of PRIMACY, one of the premier nightclub owner/operators in the country.

The Cordish Company is also in serious negotiations with **NASCAR Café**, a nationally known themed restaurant, and with **Bass Pro Shops**.



*NASCAR Café recently opened in Greensboro and is interested in coming to The Power Plant.*



Each NASCAR Café allows visitors to experience a day at the races with merchandise displays and a full-size garage, racetrack, pit row, flag perch and victory lane. A NASCAR stock car is suspended in mid-air above the bar and patrons can race against each other on a simulated Winston Cup track. They can also climb into a racecar where a virtual simulator allows visitors to experience a trip around the track.

NASCAR Café has indicated a strong desire to open their next restaurant in Hampton in conjunction with Bass Pro Shops.

Known for its fun, interactive displays, Bass Pro Shops hosts a large selection of fishing, hunting, camping, golfing and outdoor merchandise. The firm attracts millions of visitors each year to the cities where it is located.

The Cordish Company and the city are continuing to work to finalize a deal with Bass Pro Shops, and are currently negotiating the level of public investment.

"These exciting additions to Hampton will bring a host of new visitors to our city," said Mayor Mamie E. Locke, referring to Five and Jake's Garage. "For citizens, there will be new leisure options and new tax revenues coming in to Hampton."

*Club Five, one of D.C.'s most popular nightclubs, is coming to Hampton and will be opening next fall at The Power Plant of Hampton Roads.*

